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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON - STATUS REPORT FROM SYG SPECIAL REP TO
LEBANON

1. UNSYG SPECIAL REP FOR LEBANON JOHN SAUNDERS CALLED ON DCM
JULY 12. DURING CONVERSATION, SAUNDERS MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
ABOUT MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

2. SITUATION ON THE GROUND HAD STABILIZED DURING PAST TWO
WEEKS. CHRISTIAN MILITIAS CONTROLLED A STRIP ALONG THE
LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER VARYING IN WIDTH. UNIFIL HAD MADE
NO REPEAT NO ATTEMPT TO DEPLOY WITHIN THIS AREA.
PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN UNIFIL AREA HAD ALSO STABILIZED AND
PLO WAS NOT REPEAT NOT MAKING ANY SERIOUS ATTEMPTS AT
INFILTRATION, BUT SAUNDERS WAS NOT SURE HOW LONG THIS
RESTRAINT WOULD CONTINUE.

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3. ALTHOUGH SITUATION WAS QUIET AT THE MOMENT, UNIFIL
WAS BOTHERED BY COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANY GOL AUTHORITY.
THERE WAS NO LAF LIAISON OFFICER AT NAQURA AND NO
REPEAT NO GOL AUTHORITY TO WHICH UNIFIL COULD TURN FOR
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY HOST
GOVERNMENT. SAUNDERS THOUGHT PRESENT SITUATION COULD

CONTINUE FOR QUITE A WHILE PROVIDING NONE OF THE ACTORS
ON THE SCENE -- CHRISTIAN MILITIAS, PALESTINIANS OR THE
ISRAELIS -- MADE A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO UPSET THE PRESENT
BALANCE. HE SAID THAT INTRODUCTION OF LAF FORCES WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY DESTABILIZE THE SITUATION BUT SUCH MOVE MUST
TAKE PLACE EVENTUALLY. UN, HE SAID, COULD NOT ASSUME
THE FUNCTIONS OF A SOVEREIGN STATE.
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